THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The rates of royalty on coal have been revised w.e.f. 1-8-91 from an average of Rs. 5.30 per tonne to an average of Rs. 70- per tonne for coal produced in all States except Assam and West Bengal.

Privatisation of Coal mining industry

457. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the profits and losses of various coal mines of the public sector during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have proposed to privatise coal mining industry; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The profit/loss of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are as under:—

(Rs. in Crores) Profit=(+) Loss=(—)

Company	Profit/Loss during 1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
CIL.....	( )23.26	(+)80.13	(—)253.17
SCCL	(+)5.48	(—)35.72	(—)163.19

(b) and (c) There is at present no proposal to privatise coal mining industry.

Joint-Sector Company to exploit lignite resources at Jayamkondam in Tamil Nadu

458. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for clearance from the Government of Tamil Nadu to exploit the lignite resources at Jayamkondam in Tamil Nadu through a joint sector power generating company; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Government's no objection in principle, to the exploitation of lignite reserves in Jayamkondam area, outside the leasehold area of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, for generation of power by State Government undertaking has been conveyed.

Impact of Developments in the USSR on the on-going coal projects

459. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) wheather any essessment has been made about the impact of